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17 NOVEMBER 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, OPERATIONS SCHOOL

SUBJECT : TRAINING (BRIEFING) OF WIVES

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REFERENCE : OTR/CS Ops TRAINING COMMITTEE CONFERENCE AT  
[REDACTED] 12 - 13 NOVEMBER 1970

1. WE WERE REQUESTED TO DESCRIBE THE STATUS OF TRAINING OF WIVES OF PERSONNEL TO BE ASSIGNED OVERSEAS. WE WERE ALSO ASKED TO RECOMMEND COURSES OF INSTRUCTION THAT COULD BE DEVELOPED WHERE NOW NONE EXIST.

2. NO TRAINING IS CONDUCTED [REDACTED] FOR THE WIVES OF PERSONNEL TO BE ASSIGNED OVERSEAS.

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3. THE ONLY CONNECTION WE HAVE WITH WIVES OF TRAINEES IS A MODEST BRIEFING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN THE BASIC AND ADVANCED OPERATIONS COURSES. FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, THE BRIEFINGS ARE UNCLASSIFIED AND ARE DESIGNED MAINLY TO ACQUAINT THE WIVES WITH THE TRAINING ENVIRONMENT OF THEIR HUSBANDS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE; INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN WIVES OF STAFF PERSONNEL AND THE TRAINEES ARE DIRECTED AT ENCOURAGING THE LATTER TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN THEIR HUSBANDS' OPERATIONAL CAREERS.

4. IT IS THE FEELING OF SOME INDIVIDUALS [REDACTED] THAT WE SHOULD PROVIDE A WEEK'S OFC-TYPE COURSE FOR THE WIVES OF CERTAIN STAFF OFFICERS. WE HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DESIGN SUCH A COURSE BUT MAY BE ABLE TO IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE RECOGNIZE THERE ARE PROBLEMS OF SELECTION, SECURITY, LOGISTICS, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS IN SETTING UP A FORMALIZED ORIENTATION PROGRAM.

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5. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD HERE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING AN OFC-TYPE COURSE FOR WIVES OF MEMBERS OF THE ADVANCED Ops COURSE. ALTHOUGH THIS IDEA IS NOT MEANT TO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PLAN OF MAKING NEW EMPLOYEES' WIVES MORE USEFUL BY EXPOSING THEM TO SOME TRAINING, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SUBJECT OF TRAINING WIVES, IF AT ALL, CAN BE GOT AT MORE EASILY BY USING THE AOC VEHICLE RATHER THAN THE BOC. NO DOUBT WE WILL BE CONSIDERING THIS AND RELATED SUBJECTS IN FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE TRAINING COMMITTEE HERE AND ALSO WITH APPROPRIATE HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL.

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